

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Animal Transportation into or through Patient Care Areas

Unique equipment and devices may warrant that research animals occasionally be transported into hospital and patient areas of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. It is recognized that animal research in these areas may be a sensitive issue and should be conducted with the utmost care and professional attention. As well, both the health of the human patients in the area and the continued health of the research animals must be safeguarded.

To address these issues, the following procedures should be addressed and appended to each animal care protocol requiring such travel.

1. Identify the species and approximate number of animals that will be transported to the hospital area.
2. Identify the equipment and specific location (building and room number) where the animals will be transported.
3. If exact dates are known, please provide. Otherwise, if general dates/times are known, provide this information (e.g., each Thursday, between 6:00-8:00 am, only on weekends, etc)
4. Note the method of transportation to and from the area. Include a description of the transport container, routes of transit, precautions taken to avoid visualization of animals reduction of allergen exposure and contact with patients, visitors, and other non-research personnel.
5. Provide a complete description of measures taken to prevent transmission of diseases or parasites from animals to humans.
6. Provide a complete description of measures taken to prevent disturbances of noise and odors to humans.
7. Provide a complete description of measures taken to prevent contamination of equipment and room surfaces by animal waste, blood, saliva, or other body fluids.
8. Provide details of procedures to be used in cleaning and disinfecting equipment and room surfaces following use.

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